



# EPA's Environmental Justice Grant Program

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# Environmental Justice

- EPA is committed to Environmental Justice for all people, regardless of race, color, national origin, or income. This means not only protecting human health & the environment, but also ensuring that all people are treated fairly and given the opportunity to participate meaningfully in the development, implementation and enforcement of environmental laws, regulations & policies.



# Environmental Justice

- Recognizes that minority and low-income communities frequently may be exposed disproportionately to environmental harms & risks, EPA works to protect these and other burdened communities from adverse human health & environmental effects of its programs, consistent with existing environmental & civil rights laws, as well as Executive Order 12898 (“Federal Actions to Address Environmental Justice in Minority Populations and/or Low-Income Populations, Feb 11, 1994”)



# Environmental Justice Grant Programs

- There are 2 current EJ Grants Programs:
  - EJ Small Grants Program
  - EJ Collaborative Problem-Solving Grants Program



# EJ Priorities

- There are 8 National EJ priorities and the grant programs must focus on one of these priorities:
  - reducing asthma attacks
  - reducing exposure to air toxics
  - increasing compliance with regulations
  - reducing the incidence of elevated blood lead levels
  - ensuring that fish & shellfish are safe to eat
  - ensuring that water is safe to drink
  - revitalizing contaminated sites



# **EJ Small Grants Program**

- **Who is eligible: local grassroots organizations with 501c(3)**
- **How Much \$: We anticipate making one grant for \$25,000 dollars in FY'08**
- **When: TBD due to budget issues (check website for updates)**
- **What: to develop partnerships to**
  - **identify local environmental and/or public health issues to be addressed**
  - **envision solutions and empower the local community through education, training, outreach, and risk reduction.**



# EJ Small Grant Program

- **What NOT to do:**

- construct anything

- buy furniture

- **Where to find information:**

- [www.epa.gov/compliance/environmentaljustice/index.html](http://www.epa.gov/compliance/environmentaljustice/index.html)

***See handout***



# **EJ Collaborative Problem-Solving Grant Program (EJ-CPS)**

- **Who is eligible: local grassroots organizations with 501c(3)**
- **Who is NOT eligible:**
  - individuals
  - universities
  - state & local governments
  - Tribes
  - Water districts, watershed orgs, and orgs not located in the affected community
  - churches
  - large environmental orgs and EJ networks





# EJ-CPS

- How Much \$: one \$100,000 grant will be awarded in Region 5.
- Partnerships: must have established partnerships demonstrated thru submission of 3 signed MOAs from different stakeholder groups.
- Purpose: to address an existing local environmental and/or public health issue. The project's focus CANNOT be education or training.